

Woman's Department.

For the Woman's Department.
A Rap for Admittance.

Dear friends, will you allow me to chat a few moments with you? I will not occupy

I have often thought I would like to write

a line for the Women's Column, and several times have gone as far toward it as to take a pen in my hand, and then, when I was getting up some inspiration, and then I would condemn it as unworthy to appear in print. I have been so afraid to do it that I had not much to say as I cannot resist a few words.

It surprised me greatly that so few ladies will find time to write a line for the column, and a great many times was I disappointed in looking for it. I have been supplied with accounts of fairs, agricultural news, &c., and our column left entirely out. When Kate and I were in England, Mr. Potter and lots of others whose articles I always read with so much satisfaction? It was a great pleasure to hear of the dear Phoebe. Why don't some of our friends write and tell me what they are doing these fine talking days? Some time ago some writer in the *Register* said that the women were no more than fair that the women should have two columns in which to express their views instead of one. I think that would be a good thing that the women shouldn't write enough to fill one?

Why don't some of you write and tell a person how to make Christmas presents (not much time remains in which to do it) and how to make a good dinner for a family—whom we find quite plenty these days—who are unable to work, and how to cry—about there, I must stop, for I promise to talk but a little while. Please don't throw this into the waste basket, for if you do I shall never dare to write again. Love,

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Easy People.

I don't admire those easy, bland people that always sneer at the women's departmental and say "How do you mean?" and have misused you so much, "any more than

I should tire of this sunshine and blue sky. I should tire of the wind to appreciate its blessedness. I like the wind and rain, thunder and lightning; there is grandeur and beauty in them. I like to appreciate that the stars in the heaven touches the heart and if there is enough spiritually in us, I believe that the stars will shine in our hearts. I understand how these "easy people" enjoy life. Every thing is beautiful and satisfying to them. They are not for in any manner. There is no recrimination, no fiction, nothing at all that makes them feel that they are "in a position," for everything with them is right.

How can they be otherwise than uncharitable, cold, hearted and unsympathetic? They have the habit of making a destructive piety, and are held up to us as red-headed, sanguine, impulsive, nervous, irritable, warm-blooded, and as souls, as patterns of all that makes life desirable. Well, I can't help it, and if they are a weight that hangs on the shoulders of the church, I ought to be thankful, and I am; but they get the credit for righteousness, and the credit for the good deeds of the nation. The "Banyan's" christian did, and all the "easy people" gets for the braises and scars. I say, "Oh, it must be so unpleasant to be so constituted," I say, "I am glad that you are so constituted." They are the very ones who desire credit for being as amiable and agreeable as they are, but they are not. They are not.

Well, after all, what is human judgment. It depends considerably from which position you look at it. If you are a parent, you are obliged to eat, the state that their lives is in, and, more than either, it depends upon the parent. If you are a child, you are the greater stress I place upon the word. "Easy souls" plod on and diffuse all the sunshine possible; but as for me I prefer a bow, and a rainbow. TURKAC

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Notes and Scraps.

Good Bread.

I saw it stated in the FARMER recently that it was good to use your house-keeping wheat did not make nice raised bread. So my sisters know that Husbands' bread prepared in this way is not good. I have bought flour? I buy a paper and weigh 25 pounds of flour, mix according to directions, and bake it in a large pan. I then put it in a drink which I keep on purpose. All the flour will be up my flour and wet it with milk. I divide up the flour and the wives call milk emplings bread, and it seldom have poor bread.

FARMER'S WIFE.

Pumpkin Pie.

Slice, pear, cut and stew the pumpkin and sift through a fine sieve, then turn into deep tins; set them into the stove oven and

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Common Sense.

Our Story Tel

"Then can't you make up your mind to go in a clean elastic and enjoy yourself for the first time in your life? You are the New York people your best gown, and how little you care about running! Nely don't think of that! You are a New York girl, your pocket, my dear, or else use in your sandwiches, for I know nobody in the valley has any better than I can make." "I like to go to the city," Nely said. "I'd like to go!" laughed Nely, her sweet temper and sense coming to the front; and kissing her forehead, she said, "I'll go with you to the throat of her silk dress for Sunday, for to-morrow the arbutus party would take all the day."

"Mother!" he made the good herself. It was a tender creature, fresh and sweet as a flower, with a soft, downy skin, a pair of eyes more white than black, a single downy tuft upon the skirt bound and headed with black velvet, and a hair as white as the down upon her cheeks. Her face was a delicate rounded figure, her hands were small and white, her feet were small and white. "Mother!" he inquired naturally enough, "how Mr. Fearful discovered all this in the first place?" "Why, I don't know," she replied, "but I have a wonderful insight into character sometimes. It does seem to me that I can see into the hearts of people, but this time the Judgment was true. — I am glad by good luck that by good guidance, as you say, I was able to see into the heart of this man suddenly and hopelessly, he at least never regretted it thereafter. But the same thing happened to me when I saw the man, tired but merry, and far less elegant in aspect than the party who came down from the carriage, and who was a man of provisos and Dotties, and who was followed now with exquisite bloom and fragrance by a young man, who was one among whom they entered, with a young

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drasses, and tired with holding up the long skirts. So Nelly and Mr. Fearing stood still and waited, and when the halting company arrived, her quick wit and nimble fingers were speedily at work to help them.

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Among the most wonderful facts of recent years have been the changes that have taken place in the far East. Twenty years ago, the vast country of China and its neighbors, Siam and Japan, were but little known to the people of the United States. The coming of the Christian era. They had always resisted every attempt on the part of Europeans to penetrate into their country. But now, and seemed probably

look of dismay settled on every face. "Get the boats ready," said the skipper, "and set on clinging to all their old customs and

down no sign of the latter could be discerned by those who looked for it. After the morning breeze had died away, the mate with his companions watched for a sail. At last, nearly dark had elapsed, by which time the supply of provisions was nearly exhausted. Nothing left to eat in the boat, and no fire in the breaker, a small oar, there remained hardly enough to keep the crew from starving. Neither land nor a sail was yet been fallen in with, the sufferings of the crew were almost to the point of starvation, were terrible.

"Oh, Harriet!" cried the mate on the point of abandoning the ship, "if I could only obtain the assistance of you—even provided the rest of us were women—a great comfort."

This town of Wauwag is situated only one mile from the latter place is only nine miles. Wauwag is the port of call for the boats of the Dutch East India Company, and as far as mere convenience of travel is concerned, the building of this line is of great importance.

Its importance lies in the fact that after long years of stout resistance to the railway, the Dutch Government has at last been threatened-to-be-dreaded force. Innovations, threatening all their old and sacred customs, and the rights of the natives, have to be put down, and have thus opened the way to the building of railways all over that country.

It is not to be supposed that the natives have been persuaded to permit a design to which they always have been so vigorously opposed.

The railway between Shanghai and Wauwag is to be built by English engineers, and will cost about £1,000,000.

"But all her pleadings were in vain. Some of the men, however, were moved by Bruno, the drawing of lots to see who should die was commenced, it having been determined that the man who should be killed should lay his life for the benefit of the rest."

"The death Harriet sat watching the king. A moment later she beheld her brand, looking at a small bit of paper in which she had drawn the name of Bruno and then on her ear:

"Mr. Rogers has drawn the short slip! Yes, ay, men," said Rogers: "I will soon be dead."

"He thrust himself upon his bosom. Never! never shall they tear you from me!" she cried, twining her arms about his neck.

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him. But if you may have a human
take nine instead of my husband's."
The woman, who had been told that
that faithful mother they could not endure the
thought of killing a woman.

And so she watched his
savage, now by a sudden movement taking
advantage of his wife's head being suddenly
turned away from him, and he was
the harrowing thought that the ship-
s might at length come to the conclu-
sion that the woman was a traitor, and
to his wife, broke from her entwining
arms and ran towards the bow of the boat,
and she ran towards the bow of the boat,
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one of them now placed himself as a
leader between the young woman and her
husband, and she was looking forward
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"There was none," one of the men answered. "I feel sure; I looked at that very spot before the fog settled there, about fifteen years ago."

No; no; you may be mistaken. I consider it probable that some of the figures up there, when you may see a sail."

The men exchanged glances.

"But to satisfy," said the other, "we will wait a few minutes before we take your husband's life."

With her hands clasped and her hair streaming down back, she stood, her eyes turned toward the sky.

In this position there came upon her face an expression that had never been seen before.

It was almost divine, filling the countenance with an unearthly beauty, lighting up the features with a gleam of joy.

"Why Farming Doesn't Pay."

A Nephew who sometimes wanders in the back districts of a ship-board, says he has discovered one of the reasons why farming don't pay. His tale is thus told:

like I said to him, "That spotted hog is just as good as the other one, even when I was a kid. I saw seven years ago, when I was twelve, that spotted hog and a white hog, of course. It's the same animal." I said, "I don't know, but I've never raised other hogs and he answered, 'Why, bless me man, that hog eats all the swill he makes and consequently there ain't no sense in killing him and buying another.' The reason 'arf farming don't pay" with that kind of obnoxious "Vandyke" delivery.

Mr. Chicago man has named his parrot "Honesty" and I don't know what the proper remark: "Honesty is the best policy," I see."

The Birds and the Leaves. —WILL CURE—

On Lake Huron, the ones lived a mother bear and her two little ones; they were all as black as bears could be, and as nimble as the wildest squirrel, besides having long noses that helped them to sniff the ground in search of some dinner, or root under the dead leaves for berries. Jenny, the younger, could spring up the trunk of a tree quicker than you could count ten on your fingers, and then, becoming frightened at what she

ing very much such a look as if she intended

the slightest discrepancy. The family was so large that it became dangerous to pick a grown man, and no one but Celey had any control over them. He was a very strong, muscular man, and his first job in his mouth—I suppose just to see how it would feel to bite it—and if Celey's teeth were sharp enough to bite through the skin at all likelihood have bitten her.

It was the children's business to visit the mother and her children, and to take them by their chains to the wooden pump, while she let the cool stream pour on their heads and trickle on their faces. The boys were always ready for their baths, and one rarely tried to turn the handle with his clumsy hands. The girls were very obedient and screamed to see the funny capes Jenny and Jimmy cut trying to wash each other's faces. So it happened that the very long hair of the boys and girls followed the little keeper in

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next day he returned with a large part of his band, his blanket well stuffed with skins of those kinds.

"Now, John, I pay,"

The trader drew out a few other skins from his blanket, and laid it out on the counter.— Then he drew a second, a third and a fourth, calculating, and he drew out a fifth skin—a very rich, rare one—and passed it over to me.

"That's right, John."

The trader instantly pushed back the last skin.

"You owe me four. I want only my just due."

The chief refused to take it, and they passed several times back and forth, each asserting that it belonged to the other. Though the sky was so beautiful appeared to be satisfied. He gave the trader a scrutinizing look.

One evening last October I saw several men work on trial. I have never seen anything like it before. I cut with it a bushel of corn in less than half an hour. It took thirty-three seconds. I cheerfully said to the man, "I will give you \$100 if your price were fifty dollars." Respectfully answered, "No!"

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the same manner, and so they may be subjected to the same treatment. The spiders struts rails of leaves and twigs on which they float over, firmly or loosely, often leaving them in a tangled mass. From this floating structure insects. From the float they take the opportunity to move to a new place. The temporary habitations, but there is another species which lives in the water, and yet another which lives on the land. The first of this is when the spider has constructed its cocoon-shaped home (a more complete home than the hole spider has) and it is some firm substance, it comes to the surface of the water, and in a skillful manner captures a bubble and then it discharges this into the opening which extends downward. In this way, the little houses are filled with water. When the spiders come out of eggs, which were fastened to the top of the dwelling they are fed with water.

to go away and build similar houses of their own.

Of other spiders, the most interesting is the **Trap-door spider**, which excavates a large hole in the soil with its sides sloping upwards and outwards, and its entrance closed by a structure with a lid; so ingeniously is this done, that the most keen observer could not distinguish it from the ground.—*Gospel Banner.*

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